Kangra and Chamba districts of Himachal Pradesh. In remote hilly areas, where there is no electricity, people live in the dark. I, therefore, request the Government to make arrangements to provide kerosene to the districts of Chamba and Kangra in Himachal Pradesh.

[*English*]

SHRI K. P. REDDAIAH (Machhlipatnam): Sir, as on today, the Government of India is passing through a very critical financial crisis. Singareni Colliery Limited has mooted a tender for open mines at the cost of Rs. 600 crores. Two tenders have been received from West Germany and the cost of West Germany tenders proved to be higher by Rs. 200 crores. Singareni Colliery Limited constituted a Committee comprising technicians and financial advisors. It went to Neyveli Lignite Project wherein similar types of open cast mines have been executed by the top Indian firms. They recommended that we should not accept this Company's tender wherein Rs. 200 crores by way of foreign currency has to be paid in excess.

Therefore, Sir, if the Government is serious enough, if the Coal Ministry is serious in this matter, they should immediately send a signal that these tenders should not be accepted and only the local expertise should be utilised in the coal mines.

[*Translation*]

SHRI VILAS MUTTEMWAR (Chimur): Mr. Speaker, Sir, I would like to raise a serious matter through you. Gadhchiroli district of Maharashtra is a backward district and predominantly a tribal area. About 100 tribals have died in the district because of an outbreak of a serious epidemic during the last one month. The Government came to know about these deaths through a newspaper report. You may be aware that it is the responsibility of the Government to provide medical facilities but there is no such facility in this area. Reason being that the district is in the grip of naxalites. Crores of rupees are being spent on the Action Plan which is meant to deal with the naxalites. If there is increase in these incidents the Government ignores it as a mere law and order problem. But now when about 100 tribals have died of an epidemic nothing has been done. My question relates to both the Health Ministry and the Home Ministry. I would urge the Government through you, to check such incidents there. Many people have died there recently and they have not been identified. I therefore, request the Government to pay attention in this direction.

[*English*]

SHRI RAM NAIK (Bombay-North): There has been a very serious Railway accident in my constituency-Bombay-North between Borivli and Dahisar. It took place this morning in the crowded peak hours.

The point is that I have been informed that the overhead wires which are live and which supply electricity to local train motors, were cut off. I have been also informed that some persons have died. I do not know what is the number. I only demand that the Railway Minister while replying to the Railway Budget, today, should make a statement and give the facts.

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI JAFFER SHARIEF): Only one person has died. About 20 people are injured. The General Manager is there on the spot. Everything is being taken care of. (*Interruptions*)

[*Translation*]

SHRI P. M. SAYEED: Mr. Speaker, Sir, just now my hon. friend, Shri Manoranjan Bhakta made a submission about the Andaman and Nicobar Islands. A news item has appeared in Indian Express as well as in a local daily that apart from the Andamans the LTTE detenus are being shifted to Lakshdweep also. I feel that this attitude on the part of the Govern-